

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (12/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Accavitti, Clemente, Dean, Johnson, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Stakoe (7/19)

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on August 28, 2007. Hearing no objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4444** before the committee.

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| HB 4444 | Spade | Trade; tobacco products; sale of tobacco and tobacco products to minors; increase penalties and prohibit internet, telephone, or mail-order sales. |
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Representative Spade explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

Chair Meisner called **Sgt. Matt Bolger**, from the Michigan Department of State Police, to the testimony table to answer a question.

Kim Rhead, representing the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5101** before the committee.

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| HB 5101 | Farrah | Economic development; neighborhood enterprise zones; eligibility; expand to include new facilities. |
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Representative Farrah explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

James McBryde and **John Czarnecki**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5046** before the committee.

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| HB 5046 | Meisner | Businesses; other; restroom access rights for individuals with certain medical conditions; establish. |
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Pam Weiss, representing herself, testified in **support** of the bill.

Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Byrum offered the following amendment to **House Bill 5046**:

1. Amend page 1, line 8, after “syndrome,” by inserting “pregnancy,”.

Representative Byrum explained her amendment. No motion was made.

Representative Palsrok offered the following amendment to **House Bill 5046**:

1. Amend page 3, following line 21, by inserting:
“Sec. 6. A person who does any of the following is guilty of a misdemeanor:
(a) Falsely makes, publishes, passes, alters, or forges a prescription form described in section 2(c).
(b) Alters or forges a doctor’s signature on a prescription form described in section 2(c).
(c) Knowingly possesses a false, forged, or altered prescription form described in section 2(c).”.

The **Chair** announced that the committee would go at ease, the time being **9:59 a.m.**

Chair Meisner called the committee to order, the time being **10:00 a.m.**

The **Chair** returned to **House Bill 5046**.

Representative Palsrok moved to adopt his amendment to **House Bill 5046**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (12/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Sheltroun moved to report **House Bill 5046**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (12/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** returned to **House Bill 5101**.

Representative Robert Jones moved to report **House Bill 5101** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (12/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Sheltroun moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representatives Accavitti, Clemente, Dean, Johnson, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, and Stakoe**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:05 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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